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Title: FINE-PITCH DEVICE
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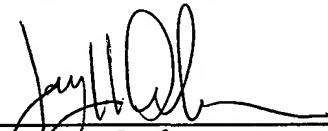
The Examiner's attention is also directed to copending
U.S. Application No. 09/550,943, filed April 17, 2000. A copy of
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be
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